

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 76

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 114

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to the CHP Officer Thomas R. Adams Memorial Highway and the CHP Officer Paul C. Jarske Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 76, Chesbro. CHP Officer Thomas R. Adams Memorial Highway and the CHP Officer Paul C. Jarske Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 101 in the County of Mendocino as the CHP Officer Thomas R. Adams Memorial Highway. The measure would also designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 101 in the County of Mendocino as the CHP Officer Paul C. Jarske Memorial Highway.

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of each of the appropriate signs showing these special designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost of a sign designation, to erect a sign.

WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Thomas Richard Adams was born on June 12, 1986, to Bruce and Karen Adams, in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Officer Adams graduated from Fortuna High School in 2004 and attended Humboldt State University in Arcata and the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, from 2005 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, Officer Adams was employed by a local tree service in Humboldt County prior to becoming a CHP officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Adams graduated from the CHP Academy on January 23, 2009, and, upon graduation, was assigned to the Oakland area office for one year and seven months, prior to being transferred to the Garberville area where he spent the remainder of his career; and

WHEREAS, Officer Adams, Badge No. 19365, was killed in the line of duty on February 15, 2011, when his patrol car crossed over the center yellow lines of State Highway Route 101 (U.S. 101) near Piercy and was struck by an oncoming pickup truck; and

WHEREAS, Officer Adams is survived by his parents and his brother, Sean; and

WHEREAS, Officer Adams was a hardworking, dedicated officer who took pride in achieving his lifelong dream of becoming a CHP officer, who was known for being a loyal friend and family member, and who was always there to lend a helping hand when a friend was in need; and

WHEREAS, Officer Adams maintained regular contact with distant family members and had an incredible sense of humor, and spent his spare time watching and playing football, weightlifting, and strength training; and

WHEREAS, It is therefore appropriate to designate a portion of Route 101 in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Officer Paul Clyde Jarske was born December 15, 1934, to Andrew and Mona Jarske, in Hankinson, North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jarske graduated from Hankinson High School in 1952 and joined the United States Air Force shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jarske was married to his best friend, Nancy, on September 27, 1957, and had two wonderful children, Michael, born on June 27, 1958, and Andrea, born on May 9, 1960; and

WHEREAS, After an honorable discharge from the United States Air Force in 1963, Officer Jarske joined the California Department of Corrections at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville until his induction into the California Highway Patrol in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jarske graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1964 and, upon graduation, was assigned to the Norwalk (Santa Fe Springs) area for approximately two years before being transferred to the Concord area, where he served five years, the Golden Gate Division, where he served seven years, and finally the Laytonville Resident Post Garberville area, where he spent the remainder of his career; and

WHEREAS, Throughout that time, Officer Jarske held several titles, including motor officer, front desk officer, and member of the auto theft unit; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jarske, badge number 3493, was killed in the line of duty on February 24, 1981, when his patrol car veered off the road due to severe weather conditions and plummeted 100 feet before finally coming to rest underwater; and

WHEREAS, An innocent bystander attempted to save Officer Jarske's life and held his head above water until help arrived; however, he succumbed to his injuries at Howard Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jarske is survived by his wife, Nancy, son, Michael, daughter, Andrea, two grandchildren, Paul, born on December 26, 2000, and Michelle, born on November 18, 2002, and his sister, Joyce; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jarske was a hardworking, dedicated officer who had the physical strength and mental ability to do his job. He was both feared and respected, but was one of the most tenderhearted people around; and

WHEREAS, He was known for being an honest, loyal man with high morals and a great sense of humor and was deeply in love with his wife; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Officer Jarske enjoyed hunting, fishing, anything to do with the outdoors, reading western novels, and watching football; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Jarske's great contributions and sacrifice in service of the California Highway Patrol and the citizens of California, it would be a fitting tribute to designate a portion of State

Highway Route 101 in the County of Mendocino as the CHP Officer Paul C. Jarske Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the portion of State Highway Route 101 between the intersection of State Highway Route 271 to the South Fork of the Eel River (Postmile 102.00 to Postmile 106.57) in the County of Mendocino is hereby designated as the CHP Officer Thomas R. Adams Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 101 between Branscomb Road, milepost marker 69.50, and milepost marker 74.50, in the County of Mendocino as the CHP Officer Paul C. Jarske Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the costs of erecting each of the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing these special designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost of a sign designation, to erect a sign; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.